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Don't panic over virus, officials say

FLU OUTBREAK Frightened residents need not hit the panic button, despite four more confirmed Alberta cases of a flu that is suspected to have killed at least 176 people, health officials said yesterday.

"Live your life normally," Health Minister Ron Liepert said.

The World Health Organization has stopped using the term "swine flu" to tag the virus, to avoid confusion over the danger posed by pigs.

Officially dubbed "influenza A" by the WHO, the virus has infected four young adults from Calgary — three men and one woman — who recently returned from a Mexican vacation.

"I know there is some angst in the public, and I would suggest that nothing has changed in the past couple days, other than a couple of new incidents," Liepert said.

All four infected suffered "mild courses of illness."

Despite predictions of more cases in Alberta, officials say not to panic, as the six confirmed infections have behaved like common flu bugs.

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Grit convention

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On track for transit cash

Ottawa, province join mayor in initiative to improve service

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Ottawa and the province are on board with Mayor Stephen Mandel's push to improve the city's transit services.

All three levels of government will contribute \$100 million each for the \$300-million in transit projects that the city has identified as top priorities for Edmonton.

"You have to find a way to make these things happen and it was done fairly quickly," said Mandel, who told

reporters getting fast track funding from both governments was difficult in the past.

"I am glad we were able to set up some kind of agreement ... This is really good for the city."

Those priorities include adding station upgrades that will lengthen platforms along the city's south LRT line, adding three new park and ride centres and extending the city's north line from Clareview to Gorman Towne Centre.

Mandel said the projects would enhance transit services and it would make the

"This will be a transit system that will work for everybody."

Mayor Stephen Mandel

city's roadways a little easier for motorists to navigate during rush hour.

"This will be a transit system that will work for everybody," said Mandel during the announcement.

Ottawa is kicking in the money from its \$12 billion economic action plan to

build new infrastructure across the country over the next two years, and the timing for transit upgrades in Edmonton is perfect, said federal Infrastructure Minister Rona Ambrose.

"This is a great opportunity to invest right now because we now have some lower costs on the labour side and construction side," said Ambrose.

"(In a recession), it's a win-win situation to put people back to work."

Premier Ed Stelmach said the investment would help support 80,000 jobs in Alberta's economy that has

been slowly heading to a halt because of the global recession.

"When the economy recovers, we know we are going to need that infrastructure," said Stelmach.

"We're going to need the roads, we are going to need the LRT and we're going to need the public facilities. Now is the time to get value for the dollar."

Some of the work is expected to start as soon as this summer.

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Catalyst Theatre **Actors tell tale**



Beth Graham, Scott Shepley and Garrett Ross perform a scene of Catalyst Theatre's production of *Nevermore: The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe*. The show runs May 1-17 at the Catalyst Theatre at 8529 Gateway Blvd.

MLA sorry for 'trash talking'

POLITICS An Alberta Liberal MLA who called some of the province's Tory caucus "scope monkeys" during question period Wednesday gave a public apology over his comments in the legislature Thursday.

"I am sorry," said Calgary Liberal MLA Dave Taylor. "I thought I would do a little trash talking with my heckling and indeed, I was so insensitive on how my remark would be taken."

Taylor apologized over comments he made as Premier Ed Stelmach was being grilled by opposition members over the government's proposed human rights legislation.

Stelmach, who later accepted Taylor's apology, said Taylor's remark "hurt a lot of feelings" in his caucus.

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Beer drinkers find heaven

International Beerfest boasts more than 200 different brews to try

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A river teeming with rapids of cold, frosty beer will be flowing through the downtown core this weekend, forcing those caught in the swell to drink their way out.

More than 16,000 litres of brew will be poured to thirsty patrons at the third annual Edmonton International Beerfest, which runs Friday and Saturday at the Shaw Conference Centre.

"It's about that appreciation for beer," said co-organizer Sean Farmer. "If people enjoy beer, they better come out."

More than 60 vendors will be showcasing at least 200 beers — a bevy of concoctions from brewmasters around the globe.

A list of innovative ales and lagers will be unveiled, including a fat-free



Sean Farmer, left, and Dave Wilder of Loud City Productions are the organizers of Edmonton's International BeerFest.

boozy concoction boasting zero carbs and full-bodied flavour.

"There's always something that people have

never tried," Farmer said. Local barkeeps will experience the breakthrough brewski technology, revolutionizing the

way pint glasses are filled, he added, describing a stackable beer box predicted to replace the traditional keg.

Tickets

• Tickets for Beerfest are available for \$15 through Ticketmaster, and for \$20 at the door. Sample tickets run \$0.50 a piece. Each four-ounce sample (roughly 1/3 of a bottled beer) costs two to six tickets.

Chatter from revellers will be in competition with eight local bands and DJs, soundtracking the event until the very last drops at 10 p.m.

"We like to focus on other aspects other than binge drinking — which we're experts at," smiling co-organizer Dave Wilder said, adding an early cut-off time was designed with moderation in mind.

"It's a little bit of everything to everyone, but we're trying to create an educational environment."

Unlicensed pets target of campaign

LAW Bylaw officers have begun to prowl off-leash areas, hunting for unlicensed pets.

Officials claim the annual campaign is to encourage owners to get their pet licensed, so they can be returned home safely if they go missing.

The fine for having an unlicensed pet is \$250. All pets six months and older are required to have a licence.

Officials estimate there are more than 100,000 unlicensed pets in the city. Last year, more than 7,800 were found, and only 2,600 were returned.

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News in brief

CRASH A 24-year-old pilot escaped injuries after his small plane made a crash landing at the Villeneuve Airport Thursday morning. Mounties believe the plane was hit with a strong gust of wind as it descended towards the airport. The plane was destroyed after it flipped when a propeller dug into the ground. **METRO EDMONTON**

Shotgun killed murder victim

CRIME An autopsy has confirmed Edmonton's 10th murder victim of 2009 died as a result of a shotgun blast to the abdomen.

Mohamed Farah Khalif, 20, was found dead in Hermitage Park shortly after sunrise on April 26.

Abdikadir Mohamed Abdow, 22, and Mohamed Abdilla Awaleh, 36, have been charged with first-degree murder, robbery and kidnapping. **METRO EDMONTON**

Cops to tell drivers to turn down tunes

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REPORT Edmonton's police service will kick off a \$15,000 education campaign in the next two weeks to remind drivers to turn down the volume, says a city report released Thursday.

The campaign will include radio and print ads that will target 25- to 55-year-olds in the beginning

"Trouble areas tend to be concentrated where residential housing is located in close proximity to major transportation routes and commercial areas."

City report

of the cruising season, says the report.

The city says the season generates hundreds of complaints over vehicle noise generated from non-commercial vehicles in the form of motorcycles, cars

and light-duty trucks, especially those vehicles that have aftermarket exhaust systems.

"Trouble areas tend to be concentrated where residential housing is located in close proximity to ma-

for transportation routes and commercial areas," read the report.

"These areas include but are not confined to Whyte Avenue, Jasper Avenue, Groat Road, 97 Street, Whitemud Drive and Anthony Henday Drive.

"The noted areas are popular locations noted for either cruising for the motorcycle and modified vehicle crowd or used as raceways for the sport bike crowd."

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China and Russia once again lead the list of countries with the worst record on preventing piracy and counterfeiting of U.S. goods, the U.S. Trade Representatives office said Thursday. In addition, USTR said it was putting Canada on the "priority watch list." **REUTERS**

Canada



Haligonians flee forest fire

A major forest fire in the Spryfield area south of Halifax forced people to flee their homes Thursday afternoon. Halifax Regional Fire Services confirmed that it has been evacuating homes in a section of Spryfield where firefighters were battling a major fire. "There is an evacuation currently on the Purcell's Cove Road on the outside around 800 block and any side streets off that," fire services spokesman Lloyd Currie said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

News in brief

ENVIRONMENT Canada's species at highest risk — caribou, spotted owls and the freshwater kidneyshell mussel — remain under threat because the federal government is failing to use its own laws to protect them, says a coalition of environmental groups. A report card by environmentalists gave Canada a failing grade for "ducking its own laws" by not using the safeguards in its Species At Risk Act. "In the absence of habitat protection for at-risk species, habitat degradation continues," says the report by Ecojustice, the David Suzuki Foundation, Nature Canada and Environmental Defence.

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DRUG USE Many teenagers who smoke marijuana are trying to find a way to cope with mental and physical problems, not to get high, Canadian researchers said. Dr. Joan L. Bortoff, of the University of British Columbia, and her team found that adolescents who use marijuana to deal with depression, grief, stress or anxiety, have no other option. "We really need to pay attention to adolescents who are experiencing concerns about their health, who are having difficulties, and we need to work with them to find alternatives," she said. The researchers interviewed 20 teenagers about why they smoked marijuana. **REUTERS**

Ottawa Harper turns 50



Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks at plastic flamingos placed on the front lawn of his official residence, 24 Sussex Drive, while walking with his daughter, Rachel, in Ottawa Thursday. Staffers placed 50 flamingos on the lawn to mark Harper's 50th birthday.

Flu cases mount, more expected

H1N1 influenza A, more commonly called swine flu, continues to march across Canada with 34 confirmed, but mild cases across five provinces — and infectious disease experts say this may be the tip of the iceberg.

In Canada, there have been 15 new confirmed positive cases since Wednesday, bringing the total to 34. British Columbia has five new cases and Alberta four. There are another four in Nova Scotia, one in Ontario

and one in Quebec. But more cases are expected as test results from nasal swab samples become available.

In Vernon, B.C., 500 students at a French immersion elementary school were sent home for the week after one of their classmates tested positive.

The virus originated in pigs, and has genes from human, bird and pig viruses. Scientists don't know exactly how it jumped to humans. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

INFORMATION FEATURE

Relationships tricky for kids, too



When a relationship turns sour, sometimes it's best to get help and get away, says counsellor Shannon Freud.

DATING Abuse, betrayal and confusion can happen in any relationship but when those things happen to kids, the anxiety and pain can feel all too difficult to bear.

Shannon Freud, 32, works as a counsellor at Kids Help Phone and says for many kids relationships are a difficult sea to

navigate because their feelings can be new, untested and uncertain.

"The teenage years are a time when kids are trying to figure out what it means to be in a relationship and how they feel about being in a relationship. It's definitely something that's very concerning for a kid," Freud said.

Contact

• Kids Help Phone can be reached at 1-800-668-6868.

Whether it's a caller asking if it's normal for a boyfriend to call her verbally abusive names or a kid trying to decipher why

a relationship doesn't feel right, Freud hears from many kids who suffer because they just don't have the same life experiences as adults to draw on

when identifying and solving relationship issues.

"The more relationships an individual has, the more they learn about how to communicate in one. Kids really need to have that life experience to learn what works and what doesn't in relationships," Freud said.

Freud says difficult or abusive relationships in the teenage world often mirror those in the adult world, leaving many kids without the tools they need to cope.

"We often see the same issues and kids might be unsure of how to express themselves," she said.

Helping kids resolve their relationship issues is particularly crucial in situations of verbal or emotional abuse because such behaviour could quickly turn violent.

"If two people are in a relationship and they're verbally and emotionally abusive to one another, there's always the chance things could get physically abusive at some point," Freud said.

In cases of serious abuse, both physical and emotional, sometimes the best answer is to get help and keep away.

"If you leave the sit-

uation, that cuts out an opportunity to hurt you. They can't hit you if you're not there and the longer you stay in an abusive relationship, the harder it is to get out," Freud said.

The first step for many kids in dealing with dating and relationship issues is to speak to someone like a counsellor at Kids Help Phone who has the life experience and tools necessary to help. All calls are confidential and counsellors encourage kids only to talk about what they want to talk

about, no matter how minor (or major) their problems may be.

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Families flee battle zone in Pakistani valley

World



Egypt culls pigs amid flu fears

Egypt started slaughtering herds of pigs on Thursday as a precaution against swine flu, despite resistance by farmers. The United Nations said the mass cull of up to 400,000 pigs was "a real mistake" because the new strain — a mix of swine, avian and human viruses — has not been found in pigs. **REUTERS**

'Loner' gunman kills 13 people in rampage at Azerbaijan university

SHOOTING Thirteen people were killed at a university in Azerbaijan on Thursday when a gunman went from floor to floor firing on teachers and students as morning classes began. The gunman, a Georgian citizen of Azerbaijani origin described as a loner by local media, was among the dead. The government said it did not see a political motive behind the shooting at the prestigious State Oil Academy in the capital city of Baku. **REUTERS**

News in brief

THEORIES Evil farms in Mexico and an al-Qaida plot involving drug cartels are some wild theories behind the deadly flu outbreak. Scientists say the origins are in fact likely explained by the ability of viruses to mutate and jump between species as people live continually closer to one another.

Apeldoorn Tragedy at parade



Dutch Princess Maxima, left, and Prince Willem-Alexander look on after a car deliberately ploughed into a royal parade in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands on Thursday, killing five people and injuring 12, officials said. None of the royals was hurt.

Flu could be 'drastic': IMF

The economic impact from the swine flu outbreak could be "quite drastic" in some countries, the International Monetary Fund's chief economist said Thursday.

Addressing the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, IMF chief economist Olivier Blanchard said it was clear that tourism volumes will be affected. He indicated it was too early to say what the impact of the outbreak will be on the global economy, which is already in a recession.

Mexico urged people to stay home for a five-day partial shutdown of the economy, and its central bank warned the outbreak could deepen the recession. The new flu virus has

Shutdown defied

• A major Mexican factory association said Thursday that plants will operate May 1-5 despite a government call for a shutdown of swaths of the economy.

killed up to 176 people in Mexico and cases have been reported in the U.S., Latin America and Europe. Global markets were taking the news of swine flu, which the World Health Organization officially named influenza A (H1N1) Thursday, in stride.

But if the outbreak shuts down trade, the cost to the global economy could reach trillions of dollars, World Bank studies have estimated. **REUTERS**

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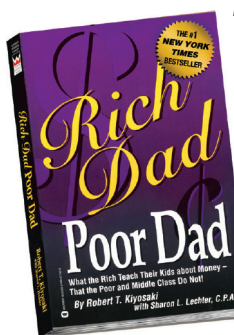
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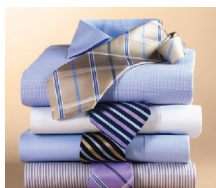
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Price of freedom is eternal vigilance



Ezra Levant

Three years ago I was the publisher of a magazine that printed pictures of some Danish cartoons of Muhammad. They were newsworthy because those cartoons sparked riots in the Muslim world that killed more than 100 people. We wanted to show our readers what all

the fuss was about.

But by doing so, I was charged by the government of Alberta with "hate speech," and prosecuted for 900 days by 15 government lawyers and bureaucrats at Alberta's human rights commission (HRC). I was finally acquitted, but not before spending \$100,000 in legal fees.

Funny: I thought freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion were human rights!

While I was being hunt-

ed by the government because of my political views, I researched these HRCs and discovered a whole underground legal system — 14 commissions across the country, with 1,000 full-time staff, and an annual budget of \$200 million. HRCs rarely make the news, and their procedures are nothing like real courts. They're not even run by real judges, and they lack the procedural checks and balances to make sure we don't commit injustices.

Perhaps the most terrifying thing I learned in my research was that in the 32 years that the federal Canadian Human Rights Commission has been prosecuting "hate speech" cases, not a single person had ever been acquitted of the charge. A 100 per cent conviction rate is something you'd expect from a country like China or Iran, not Canada. Then again, banning words — even offensive words — isn't a Canadian tradition, either. We debate people we disagree

with, or we ignore them. We don't have the government prosecute them.

My case, and a similar case involving Mark Steyn and Maclean's magazine, brought the hidden worlds of HRCs into the light. Since then, politicians and journalists alike have condemned them for their un-Canadian attempts to censor citizens.

Freedom of speech is something we take for granted, so we rarely think about it. But the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

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We've got to reform these HRCs, to get them out of the censorship business. And we've got to remind Canada's other censors — from university "speech code" enforcers to the radio and TV regulators at the CRTC — that freedom is a Canadian value and we won't give it up easily.

Ezra Levant is the author of *Shakedown*. A lawyer by profession, he was the publisher of *Western Standard* magazine, which reprinted the Danish cartoons of Muhammad.

Views

Target renters to reduce voter apathy

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Edmonton's recently announced tax hikes, and their disproportionate effect on apartment dwellers, provide an opportunity to strengthen the democratic process.

In the last provincial election only 41 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots. As you may recall, many people saw this as the end of

democracy as we know it, and there was much speculation as to why that was the case.

On one side, there were those who said it indicated people were happy with things the way they were. On the opposite side, others said it was indicative of voters not believing that casting a ballot would make any difference in the way the province was run.

What then does a voter turnout of 26.8 per cent of eligible voters in the last civic election say about how we feel about our city and the likelihood of being able to create any real change?

The question becomes, what do we know about those people who actually voted? Though you would be unlikely to look at election results poll by poll, if you did, one thing would become readily apparent. Voter turnout is highest in areas with single family homes. Turnout is lowest in areas with a high proportion of renters.

This should come as no surprise. Home and condo owners receive a tax bill each year and are, therefore, much more likely to want a say in how their city is being run and how their tax dollars are being spent. Apartment dwellers re-

ceive no such notice and are likely unaware of how much of their rent goes to paying civic taxes on the buildings in which they live.

I would think that it would be worthwhile for organizations such as the Edmonton Apartment Association to let tenants know how much indirect civic tax they are paying for the pleasure of renting.

Doing so would not only serve the needs of the landlord, it just might increase the turnout in civic elections.

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Business

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Manufacturing rises, cushions decline in GDP: StatsCan report

ECONOMY Manufacturing output in Canada rose in February for the first time since July, boosted by a recovery in autos and limiting the fall in gross domestic product to 0.1 per cent, Statistics Canada said on Thursday.

It was the seventh straight monthly fall in GDP and left GDP 2.3 per cent lower compared with a year earlier. But the monthly decline was significantly less than the 0.7 per cent fall back in January, which saw a particularly weak auto sector.

Motor vehicle and parts manufacturing jumped by 19 per cent, the first rise since June. Overall manufacturing edged up 0.1 per cent.

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Canada taking stake in Chrysler

Feds, Ontario to give \$2.42B

Canada's government will take an ownership stake in troubled automaker Chrysler in exchange for more than \$2 billion US in loans under a sweeping North American rescue plan, government officials said on Thursday.

Chrysler filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States earlier in the day and also entered into an alliance with Italian automaker Fiat SpA.

The Canadian government, along with Ontario, will provide \$2.42 billion in financing to assist with the restructuring process. Under the terms of the deal, Canada will take a

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• The Chrysler agreement includes clauses that guarantee the company maintains 20 per cent of its North American manufacturing footprint and investment in Canada

two per cent stake in the revamped Chrysler and will have one director on its nine-member board.

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Quiznos closes stores amid outlets' lawsuit

The president of a group of disgruntled Quiznos franchisees says the fast-food chain has been granted a court injunction, forcing him to close his three Oakville, Ont.-area restaurants.

Doug Johnson said the injunction, effective yesterday, was ordered within days of another court ruling allowing the franchisees' lawsuit against Quiznos to proceed as a class action.

The franchisees allege in

Purchasing

Doug Johnson said he can buy cheaper V8 juice at the supermarket than he can from Quiznos' supplier, and he could negotiate a better deal with Coca-Cola to supply his stores directly.

their lawsuit that Quiznos is overcharging them for supplies. The allegations have yet to be proven in court.

Quiznos plans to seek

leave to appeal the class-action certification to a higher court, Geoffrey Shaw, a lawyer with Cassels, Brock and Blackwell LLP, wrote in an email.

Johnson said he believes Quiznos wanted to close his stores to frighten other franchisees away from joining the lawsuit.

Quiznos said in court documents it sought the injunction because Johnson was in default of his franchise agreement.

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"Sales are brisk for items such as hand sanitizers, anti-bacterial soap and protective masks and gloves," CVS Caremark Corp. spokesman Mike DeAngelis said.

CVS also said it was seeing increased demand for the antiviral drug Tamiflu, "particularly in markets where there are confirmed cases of H1N1 flu virus."

Pharmacy chain The Rite Aid Corp. said the antivirals that appear to be effective against the strain of flu — Tamiflu and Relenza — are available in about 98 per cent of its nearly 4,900 stores, up from about 84 per cent.

Rite Aid said it is also working with suppliers to keep replenishing its stock of face masks and hand sanitizers.

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Sports

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Molitor bout shelved due to swine flu

Canadian boxer Steve Molitor is facing a delay in his quest to regain a world title, and his promoter says swine flu is to blame. Molitor was scheduled to fight a tune-up bout Friday in Mexico before the spread of the disease prompted a postponement. IBF rules prevent fighters coming off knockout losses — like what happened to Molitor against Celestino Caballero in November — from being top contenders, so winning against a hand-picked opponent was supposed to keep him eligible for the No. 1 ranking. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

NHL Canucks win opener



Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo makes a save on Chicago Blackhawks Dustin Byfuglien in the third period of their second-round playoff opener Thursday. Vancouver won 5-3.

Rottier poised to go first

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Bob O'Billovich and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats are in an enviable position heading into the CFL draft.

Not only does the Ti-Cats' general manager have the top pick in Saturday's annual event, he also has the No. 3 pick, and both will help him retool after a 3-15 campaign.

O'Billovich long ago identified the top three prospects as Alberta offensive lineman Simeon Rottier, Bishop's running back Jamall Lee and Laval defensive lineman Etienne Legare. But Lee threw a wrench in O'Billovich's plans

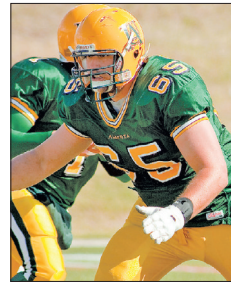
this week when he signed an NFL contract with the Carolina Panthers.

"I don't think we'd use a first round pick on him — we feel more like we need somebody who will be at our camp," O'Billovich said. "We're going into draft like he's not there."

But unless the Toronto Argonauts use the No. 2 pick on Lee, O'Billovich would likely have to look outside his top three in the No. 3 slot.

That group is led by Acadia receiver Matt Carter, ranked fourth by the CFL Scouting Bureau, and Calgary offensive lineman Dylan Steenberger, ranked fifth.

O'Billovich said he already has an



Alberta Golden Bears offensive lineman Simeon Rottier is the consensus first pick in Saturday's CFL draft.

abundance of good, young offensive lineman, and plans to draft as much on need as on selecting the best player available.

"We have a high regard for those two players (Rottier and Legare)," said

O'Billovich.

"But there are other players at other positions we are going to consider."

"It's fine to rate guys, but it doesn't necessarily mean that's the guys you're going to pick."

"If we're not in need of those positions, we might be more interested in someone else."

The B.C. Lions hold the fourth, fifth and sixth selections and have made no secret about the fact they'd trade any combination of those picks to move up in the draft.

Saturday

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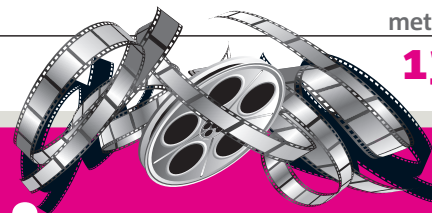
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Sharp claws, no bite

X-Men Origins:
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Stars: Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●½

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada



Hugh Jackman, left, and Liev Schreiber play mutant siblings in X-Men Origins: Wolverine, in theatres today.

Leading the charge in three popular X-Men movies turned Wolverine (and actor Hugh Jackman) into one of Hollywood's most alluring big-screen superheroes. Now, with his origin on-screen for all to see, a mostly uninspired movie may nullify the mutant's mystique.

In fact, although Wolverine is jam-packed with action and eye-catching special effects, at 108 minutes (modest compared to most superhero movies), it may actually suffer from its own succinctness.

It all begins with an en-

gaging prologue set in 1845, after young James Logan tragically discovers the spiky claws that occasionally protrude from his knuckles.

From there, director Gavin Hood (Tsotsi) treats us to a stylish but inexplicable decades-spanning credit sequence featuring Logan and his brother Victor (whose mutant gifts include the razor-sharp "fingernails of a bag lady") battling together through the

Civil War, two World Wars and Vietnam.

They're either immortal, or extremely youthful-looking for their age, we're to presume.

Eventually, they find themselves in a secret organization of mutants led by the diabolical Colonel Stryker (Danny Huston). But after Logan abandons the corrupt squad, he is forced into defending himself from his now-vengeful brother and

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Stryker's deceptive experiment to enhance mutant powers.

Several other mutants pop up along the way (including the as-yet unnamed character Cyclops) but as mildly-amusing as their appearances are, many seem extraneous or simply underdeveloped. As well, hardcore fans may take issue with a few liberties in the folklore.

While Wolverine may not appease those dedicated followers of the X-Men hero, for other fans of big summer action flicks, Wolverine's claws will most certainly still find some traction.

• To see a X-Men Origins: Wolverine trailer, or for screen times, visit metro news.ca/movies.

Dead on arrival

Ghosts of
Girlfriends Past

Director: Mark Waters
Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner
Classification: STC
Rating: ●

NED EHRBAR
 Metro World News

REVIEW Charles Dickens' beloved and oft-imitated A Christmas Carol gets another swipe taken at it with Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, a movie clearly thought up title first.

Matthew McConaughey stars as Matthew McConaughey, though we're told he's playing Connor Mead, a celebrity photographer and serial womanizer who was born and raised in Massachusetts, despite his perma-tan and Texas accent.

He ventures home for the wedding of his brother, played by Breckin Meyer (several shades paler and a

good head shorter than McConaughey) and proceeds to bah-humbug the whole celebration in a not-terribly-convincing down-with-love drunken tirade.

Of course, there to challenge his status quo is the one who got away, played begrudgingly by Jennifer Garner.

After a particularly impressive scotch intake, Connor runs into the ghost of his dead uncle (Michael Douglas), who warns him that he will be visited by three... well, you know the rest. The ensuing flashbacks serve solely to make fun of hairstyles and music from the past 25 years, which are apparently funny only because they are no longer popular. Good to know.

In the end, Connor learns his lesson and every single character — even the most minor, some of whom never even had dialogue — is painstakingly paired off. The movie thinks it's charming, but it really isn't. Much like its protagonist.

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Looks like Jennifer Aniston isn't following in ex Brad Pitt's footsteps. Tabloid Star reports that Pitt is giving Aniston advice about adopting a baby boy. "They are completely wrong," a source tells usmagazine.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Fresh enterprise

Director in search of the human in Star Trek

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



As a filmmaker, J.J. Abrams has already had an impressive career, from creating iconic television series like Lost, Alias and Felicity to having a hand in movies as diverse as Regarding Henry and the most recent Mission: Impossible.

But in bringing his latest, Star Trek, to the screen, he faced a new obstacle: How to take a 40-year-old franchise with 10 films under its belt and make it fresh and interesting.

"The audience is very sophisticated now, so it had to work on a level that they didn't have to worry about in 1966," Abrams says. "I never felt it was real. A lot of that had to do with resources they had."

Abrams came on board fairly unfamiliar with the Star Trek franchise, something that certainly had a lot of die-hard fans worried. "I never quite got it the way certain people did," he admits. But he saw

Movie feature

that as an opportunity rather than a drawback. "I thought that was a cool challenge, to create a Star Trek that was appealing to me."

To make that possible, Abrams focused less on the technical aspects and more on the human — and Vulcan — factor. "I was never worried about the design," he explains. "What I was worried about was finding actors who would make this feel real."

While most of the cast fell into place, Abrams was most concerned with finding his two leads, Capt. Kirk and Mr. Spock. "I thought

"Zachary Quinto walked in and I just gasped. It was so obvious he was born to play (Spock)." J.J. Abrams

Spock would be the hardest character to cast," Abrams says. "But Zachary Quinto walked in and I just gasped. It was so obvious he was born to play this part."

Finding someone to take on Kirk, a role over which William Shatner casts a long shadow, was more daunting. "Kirk was the last

person we cast," Abrams says.

• Star Trek hits theatres across Canada next Friday.



A scene from the rebooted version of Star Trek, in theatres next week.

Potter summer's hot favourite: Poll

SURVEY Movie fans expect British boy wizard Harry Potter will magically rule box offices in the upcoming summer blockbuster season that will see familiar faces like Sandra Bullock and breakout roles for a pair of Star Trek stars.

Thirty-nine per cent of respondents in an online poll released Thursday by AOL website Moviefone.com named Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince the summer movie they most want to see. Sixty per cent of the 280,000 respondents said they expect the new Harry Potter movie, which opens on July 15, to be the top box office draw of the upcoming blockbuster season.

"It's going to be a big summer for Harry Potter, people absolutely love that franchise, and for the most part the films seem to get better each time out," said

Scott Robson, editor-in-chief of Moviefone.

Among the most anticipated movies, the sixth instalment in the Harry Potter saga was followed by: 29 per cent for Star Trek; 12 per cent each for X-Men Origins: Wolverine and Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; seven per cent for Terminator Salvation and two per cent for comedy Bruno.

The Moviefone poll did not include expected blockbuster Angels & Demons, an adaptation of Dan Brown's novel that debuts May 15 and follows on 2006's The Da Vinci Code, which made \$758 million at worldwide box offices.

In another category, 43 per cent of those polled named magazine pinup Megan Fox, 22, as the actress they most want to see this summer.

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Full power to superhero spinoffs

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Just as Maude spun off from the sitcom All in the Family, superhero characters have often left the safety of the ensemble to strike out on their own. This weekend Wolverine leaves the comfort of Professor Charles Xavier's School for Gifted (read: Mutant) Youngsters to headline his own movie, X-Men Origins: Wolverine.

It's not uncommon for television and movie characters to appear in spin-offs, but why does the comic book world seem to spawn more ancillary projects than any other genre?

"Because superhero movies are based on strong characters with rich histo-

ries it's almost impossible to fit all the most compelling aspects of these heroes and their key stories into one film," says watchtowerpodcast.com comic book expert Jeff Moss. "That's especially true in the case of 'team' stories. Even some of the peripheral characters in the X-Men universe have deep back-stories that would make for great movies."

Among the first of those deep back stories producers tried to exploit sprung from the phenomenally successful Christopher Reeve Superman movies. 1984's Supergirl is the story of Superman's cousin Kara Zor-El, (Canadian Helen Shaver in her big screen debut), who leaves her isolated Kryptonian home to reclaim the powerful Omegahedron orb (which can infuse an artificial structure with life) from the evil witch Selena (Faye "I'm considering nothing less than world domination" Dunaway). Unlike its male oriented

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predecessors, it was a critical debacle, but grabbed the number one slot at the box office on its opening weekend nonetheless.

Another female superhero spinoff didn't even fare as well as Supergirl. Elektra, an offshoot from the 2003 movie Daredevil, should have been a slam dunk for star Jennifer Garner. Coming off the success of her butt-kicking secret agent series Alias, she should have aced the role of Elektra, an international assassin whose dispatches

enemies with a deadly dagger, but audiences stayed away. On its opening weekend it ranked fifth at the box office and only earned a 34 per cent rating on Metacritic.

Catwoman, Halle Berry's Batman spinoff, was an even bigger disaster, even ranking on Roger Ebert's list of most hated films. Berry acknowledged the film's failure when she accepted the Golden Raspberry for Worst Actress. "I want to thank Warner Brothers. Thank you for putting me in a piece of sh—, god-awful movie..."

The ultimate superhero spin off and comic fan geek-out, however, is yet to come. The Avengers, featuring an all-star line-up including Hulk, Iron Man, Thor, Ant Man and Captain America, already has a confirmed released date of May 4, 2012.

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Batman spinoff Catwoman, starring Oscar winner Halle Berry, fell flat with both critics and audiences.

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GARNEAU THEATRE
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Two Lovers (14A) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-7:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

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Bunt (STC) Sun 4:30
Christmas in August (STC) Sat 4
Epitaph (18A) Sun 9:30
Forbidden Quest (STC) Fri 9:30
The King and the Clown (14A) Fri 7
Like a Virgin (STC) Sat 9
Secret Sunshine (14A) Sat 6
The Show Must Go On (STC) Sun 7
Varmints (STC) Thu 7

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:30 7:20-9:50 12:10 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:30 7:20-9:50
Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:35 7:25-9:40
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sat 4:20-7:40 11 Sun-Thu 4:20-7:40
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Hunger (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Welcome to the Sticks (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2-7 Mon-Thu 7

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Green Day ready to release Breakdown

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Green Day's 21st Century Breakdown is out on May 15.

Back in the spring of 2004, when I heard that Green Day was going to launch a comeback with a punk rock opera, I kinda snorted. In my defence, so did a lot of other people.

The general consensus was that Green Day was on the downside of its career, soon to be relegated to "90s at noon" request shows. Sure, the kids seemed to dig the band when it went out on tour with Blink 182. And yeah, that greatest hits record did well. But to resuscitate a career with a punk rock opera? Seriously?

Even insiders didn't express much confidence. Secret reservations — never confirmed and always denied — were whispered that this CD would be lucky to sell 75,000 copies in Canada.

All this seems silly now. American Idiot became a mega-selling Bush-bashing opus that not only captured a surly public's mood during W's second term but also the travesty that followed Hurricane Katrina with Wake Me Up When September Ends. The CD is within a hair's breadth of selling a million copies in Canada alone. Add in the six million(ish) units sold in the U.S. and many more around the world — well, don't we all look foolish for having doubted Billie Joe and Co.?

So what do you do for an

encore? A sequel. Naturally.

Two weeks from today, Green Day gets the equivalent of a holiday weekend movie opening for the release of 21st Century Breakdown. Hopes are so high that the band's label can't wait until the usual Tuesday to get the record out. I don't blame them. I've heard the album and I think it's brilliant. The libretto for 21st Century Breakdown is built around two American kids, Christian (a "kamikaze nihilist") and Gloria (a naive idealist). Together, the young couple are left to make sense of the world wrought by their 43rd president. Their story is told through three acts and 17 songs. It's filled with complex movements, delicate piano breaks, Beatles-esque moments and the kind of anthemic stuff that'll drive concert security forces crazy.

Butch Vig — the knob twiddler behind Nirvana's Nevermind — must have had the time of his life (no pun intended) producing this record. This is a tight, taunt, tense record, but one that still manages to end on a positive note.

I'm sorry I doubted you, Green Day. Won't happen again.

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Picking up the pieces

Lady Sovereign returns revitalized with new album Jigsaw

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada

Something seemed amiss with Lady Sovereign at a certain point during her U.S. promotional tour in 2007.

Riding on a wave of hype after her Jay-Z-endorsed signing to Def Jam Recordings, the British rapper buckled under the pressure in the most public of ways. She ranted about being broke and depressed onstage in Brooklyn, N.Y., abandoning her set after two songs to a sea of jeers.

That moment — immortalized on YouTube — marked the start of a downward spiral for the self-proclaimed "biggest midget in the game," who'd spent a couple of years prior rising from the U.K.'s underground grime hip-hop scene.

While her debut album Public Warning's first single Love Me Or Hate Me topped charts, she failed to catch on in the States and was

eventually dropped from her label.

The massive touring and publicity blitz Lady Sovereign underwent during that phase of her career was frustrating, but not without its lessons.

"I learned that there's a line that I had to draw for myself to keep myself

sane and not tire myself out," she told Metro over the phone from her place in London. "Because it's not good for me or anyone else around me. Trust me."

When she returned to England, Sovereign was unable to focus on music, so she took six months off and did "not much, to be honest."

"I just hung out with friends, had a social life again, just went back to normality," she says. "And that's what inspired me, really."

The fruits of that inspiration can be heard on her new album, Jigsaw, released on her own Midget Records. The album has a much more electronic feel than her last, and finds the rapper chanting M.I.A.-style and doing a whole lot of singing — a surprise, given that "I can't dance and I really can't sing" was one of the hooks on

Love Me Or

"I learned that there's a line that I had to draw for myself to keep myself sane and not tire myself out."

Lady Sovereign

Hate Me.

"Well I couldn't sing then," she says. "I kind of can now, just a little bit."

It's definitely a new direction for the 23-year-old Lady Sovereign, who uses her newfound vocal stylings to wax flirtatious on Let's Be Mates, keep the party jumping on the sultry Bang Bang and express the more, ahem, sensual aspects of cuisine on Food Play.

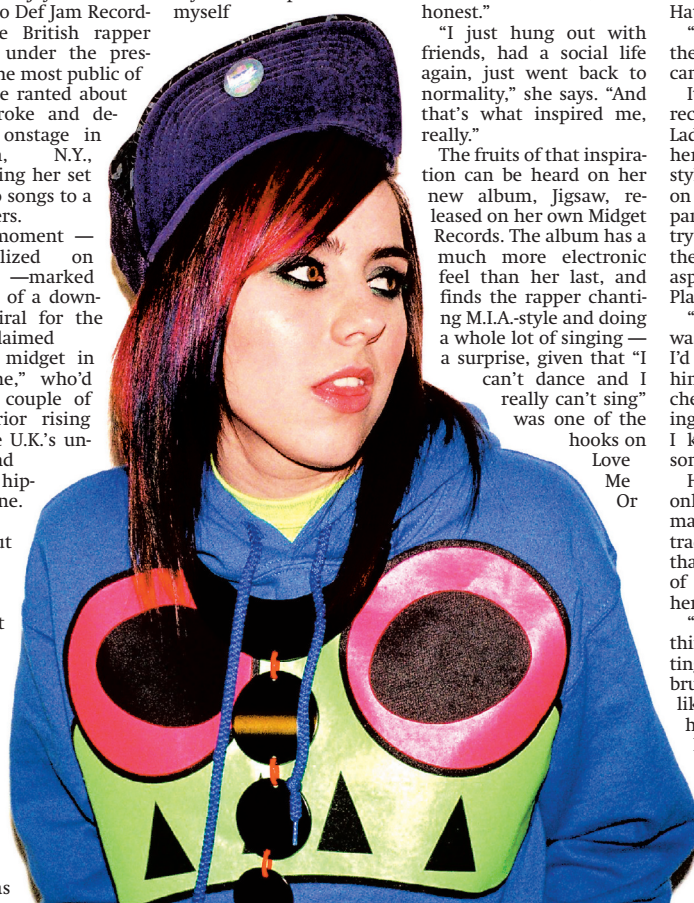
"I had this friend who was majorly into food and I'd always make fun of him, very tongue-in-cheek," she says, explaining the song's origins. "But I know people love that song for whatever reason."

Her new sound isn't the only dramatic change she's made, though. Gone is the trademark "side ponytail" that had been a mainstay of her image throughout her career.

"It was just one of those things," she says. "I was sitting in front of the mirror, brushing my hair, and was like 'screw this.' Half an hour later I'd left the house with my hair down."

"It looks better now, I think."

Jigsaw is the latest album from British hip-hop artist Lady Sovereign.



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Entertainment

Examining Media Issues

InDepth

Influenza A: Rising concerns over the recently renamed influenza A (H1N1) — formerly human swine flu — may have more people interested in learning not only about the virus, but also how things like influenza spread from person to person. Here are a few suggestions for further reading and watching:

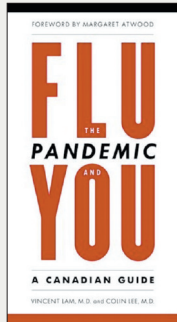
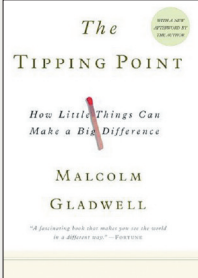
- Health Canada (hc-sc.gc.ca), the U.S. Center for Disease Control (cdc.gov), and the United Nations' World Health Organization (who.int) offer updated information on health alerts and advice to the public and professionals.

- Malcolm Gladwell's book *The Tipping Point* offers a wonderful view of how trends — and disease — spread among

society and become pandemics. Another book about the spread of disease, Steven Johnson's *The Ghost Map*, is a medical thriller about the spread of Cholera through London in 1854. Recent Giller Prize winner Vincent Lam has also written a book called *The Flu Pandemic and You*, about how to prepare for the next influenza pandemic, and how to understand the broader context in which the threat exists.

- CTV's *Plaque City: SARS in Toronto* offers a dramatized look at the effect the SARS crisis had on health-care workers in Toronto. The *American Experience's* *Influenza 1918* looks at the spread of one of the worst pandemics in world history. Visit PBS.org for more on the documentary.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



Actors sign on to Portman comedy

ROLES Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Rainn Wilson have joined Natalie Portman in Heshner, an indie comedy-drama that begins shooting next week. The story centers on a loser who invades the life of an awkward 13-year-old. Portman produces. **REUTERS**

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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It's through the great religions have spoken to the return of a future Teacher. The Christians hope for the return of the Christ, the Buddhists look for the coming of a new Buddha, while the Muslims await the Imam Madhi, the Hindus a reincarnation of Krishna and the Jews the Messiah. How will we know Him? Surely He will ring our hearts with a message of sharing, justice and brotherhood. How can we prepare the way for Him? Each day brings opportunities, large and small, to act in favor of unity and justice. Our willingness to share will make a real difference in our world.

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Willis' action career going strong

Action stars may lose their currency as they move into their 50s. But Bruce Willis keeps on raking in the offers.

The newly remarried Die Hard star, who turned 54 last month, has been in discussions to shoot and fight his way through three indie action pictures — a thriller titled *Inventory*, the CIA tale *Red* and the mob biopic *Scarpa*.

In *Inventory*, Willis would play a detective on the trail of a murderer. It is

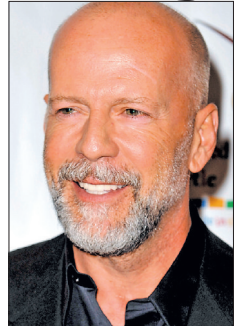
set up at Nulmage/Millennium, which is handling Sylvester Stallone's latest crop of movies.

In the comic-book adaptation *Red*, he would portray a former black-ops agent who is forced out of retirement when a high-tech assassin comes a-calling to threaten him and his girlfriend.

Summit Films, the studio behind the *Twilight* movies, has made an offer on *Red*, and Willis' camp has counter offered,

though those with knowledge of the talks say negotiations could yet break off without the sides reaching a deal.

Willis has also been weighing an offer from Morgan Creek to play the title character in *Scarpa*, a mob biopic about Greg Scarpa, an FBI informant who worked deeply undercover in New York's Colombo family, though the odds are growing that Willis won't do that picture.



REUTERS Bruce Willis

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	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS
	7	CKEM	241 347	Law & Order: SVU	Mantrucker	Mantrucker		Prison Break "S.O.B."		Out There	Out There	Your City
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	13	KXLY	- 371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	The Insider (N)		Supernanny (N)		(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N)
	16	KAYU	- 373	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Prison Break "S.O.B."		(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N)
	19	CHTV	-	The Insider (N)	E News	THS Investigates: Plastic Surgery Nightmares (N)				20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	22	KSPS	- 374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS	Being Served	Victor of Dibley
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	20	TSN	400 400	NHL Hockey: Playoffs		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Lipton Tea 250.				
	23	net	408 418	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Con.	MLB Baseball	San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers.		NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup Qualifying		Sportsnet Con.
	47	SPEED	417 406	Amer. Thunder	Amer. Thunder	Score Tonight		Hardcore Hockey Talk		WWE SmackDown!		
	94	SCORE	410 403	(6) WWE SmackDown!		Material Girls * (2006, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff.		Trackside At... (HDTV) (N)		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz
	14	YTV	552 543	Carly	Carly	Big Comfy	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Dragon	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	17	TREE	553 546	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Sonny Chance	My Dog Skip *** (2000, Drama)			(10:05) First Kid ** (1996, Comedy)		
	45	FAM	557 541	Zoe 101	Wizards-Place	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "10-7"		CSI: Miami
	25	A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami "Broken"		Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Unwrapped		Bobby Flay
	19	FOOD	603 561	Bobby Flay	Dinner Imposs.	Forensic Factor "Pyromaniac"		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild Turkey.		Helix-Loggers
	32	DISC	520 505	Man vs. Wild Turkey.		Star Trek	Prom Night ** (1980, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis.			Prom Night II * (1987)		Ways to Die
	38	SPIKE	628 584	The Hills Have Eyes ** (2006, Horror)	Aaron Stanford, Kathleen Quinlan.	MANswers				MANswers		Ways to Die
	43	SPACE	627 528	Supernatural (HDTV) (N)		The Tonight Show-Jay Leno	TMZ	etalk		The View (HDTV)		Ellen Show
	50	STAR	621 56	Pretty Wicked		The Happening (2008, Science Fiction)	X-Men *** (2000, Action) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart.			Shattered (2007)		
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	3	KHQ	- 370	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		Southland (HDTV)		Law & Order
	4	CBXT	- 307	NHL Hockey: Playoffs		NHL Hockey Playoffs -- Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)				Harper's Island "Bang"		48 Hr. Mystery
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Scrubs	A New Smile, a New Life		Without a Trace (HDTV)				The City Show
	7	CKEM	241 347	Without a Trace		Madloch Mysteries		Housesitter (2007, Suspense) Tonn Spelling.				Doc
	8	CITY	240 339	ET Canada	Masterminds	Big Business	Big Union	Doc		Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban *** (2004, Fantasy)		News (N)
	13	KXLY	- 371	News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		Russell Friedman 400.		Boston Legal		House "Airborne"
	16	KAYU	- 373	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup --		Russell Friedman 400.		Cradle of Lies (2006, Suspense) Shannon Sturges.		Moonstruck *** (1987, Romance-Comedy) Cher.		E News
	19	CHTV	-	Out There	E News	FANatical	Family	Time Goes By		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report
	22	KSPS	- 374	The Lawrence Welk Show		Jack Benny	Time Goes By			Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report
	15	CBCN	502	- Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone (N)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone
	54	CTVN	501 391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
	20	TSN	400 400	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup --		Russell Friedman 400.		SportsCentre		ATP Tennis: Internazionali BNL d'Italia		Sportsnet Con.
	23	net	408 418	Premier League Soccer		MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers. (HDTV) (Live)		AMA Racing Supercross Special -- Las Vegas. From Las Vegas. (Live)				
	47	SPEED	417 406	AMA Pro Prime Time (N)		Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score
	94	SCORE	410 403	MMA Show	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score
	14	YTV	552 543	Carly	Carly	True Jackson	True Jackson	Elia Enchanted ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)		Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	17	TREE	553 546	Bucket-Dinos	Toopy & Binoo	Comfy Couch	Little Bear	Toy Castle	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557 541	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Around the World in 80 Days ** (2004)		
	25	A&E	615 520	(6) True Lies *** (1994, Action)	Jamie Lee Curtis	The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		True Lies *** (1994, Action)		Ult. Recipe
	19	FOOD	603 561	Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Kitchen Nightmares		The F Word		Challenge Wedding cake.		Critt Angel
	32	DISC	520 505	Deadliest Catch		Crisis Angel	Crisis Angel	Guinea Pig	Guinea Pig	Deadliest Catch		Critt Angel
	38	SPIKE	628 584	Warrior	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Disorderly Conduct: Video		Disorderly Conduct: Video		Austin Powers
	43	SPACE	627 528	Fringe "Midnight" (N)		X2: X-Men United *** (2003, Fantasy) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellen.		Pretty Wicked (N)		TMZ		Next Model
	50	STAR	621 56	Paris Hilton's British Friend		America's Next Top Model (N)				(10:15) I Could Never Be Your Woman		
	161	SUPER		All Together Now (2008, Documentary)		Relative Strangers (2006, Comedy)						

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	3	KHQ	- 370	News	Wheel-Fortune	Dateline NBC "You Might Be Rich"				The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		
	4	CBXT	- 307	NHL Hockey: Playoffs		An American Tail: Fievel Goes West (1991, Adventure)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		fifth estate
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)		60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		Cold Case (N)		The Unit
	7	CKEM	241 347	2Half Men	2Half Men	Friends	Hates Chris	Friends	Friends	Rock of Love Bus		Reviews
	8	CITY	240 339	16.9 Picture	Bob & Doug	(8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)
	13	KXLY	- 371	News	Buzz Hunt. II	Funnies Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
	16	KAYU	- 373	House "Act Your Age"		Sit Down, Shut Up	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)
	19	CHTV	-	Inside Hollywood (DVS)		Greatest Myst.	Greatest Myst.	Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		
	22	KSPS	- 374	Lark Rise to Candleford		Nature (N) (DVS)		Masterpiece Classic (N) (DVS)		West Coast		MI-5
	15	CBCN	502	- CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Up the Yangtze (2007, Documentary)		Our World		CBC News: Sunday Night		Yangtze
	54	CTVN	501 391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
	20	TSN	400 400	NHL Hockey: Playoffs		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		ATP Tennis Internazionali BNL d'Italia -- Final.				
	23	net	408 418	(6) MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers.		Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)		Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)		Poker		
	47	SPEED	417 406	Wind Tunnel-Despina		Pinks -- All Out (HDTV)		Bullrun (HDTV)		SuperCars		
	94	SCORE	410 403	Strikeforce		Poker Asian Pacific Tour.		Aussie Millions '09		Final Score	Final Score	Final Score
	14	YTV	552 543	She's the Man ** (2006, Romance-Comedy) Amanda Bynes, James Kirk.		Prank Patrol		Dragon (DVS)		In Real Life "Dirty Jobs"		Adrenaline Proj
	17	TREE	553 546	Friend Rabbit	Miss Spider	Bucket-Dinos	Toy Castle	Tipi Tales		Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557 541	Naturally Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Vegas Vacation * (1997, Comedy)		
	25	A&E	615 520	(6) Independence Day *** (1996, Science Fiction)		Paranormal State (HDTV)		At the Table	At the Table	Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.
	19	FOOD	603 561	Iron Chef America		MythBusters		Anthony Bourdain		How William Shatner Changed the World		MANswers
	32	DISC	520 505	William Shatner, World		Kill Switch (2008, Action) Steven Seagal, Chris Thomas King.		Austin Powers in Goldmember ** (2002, Comedy)		Star Trek VI		Star Trek VI
	38	SPIKE	628 584	UFC Unleashed		Country	Star Trek	100 Sexiest Stars		Paris Hilton's British Friend		Girl Next Door
	43	SPACE	627 528	(6) Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country		Star Trek		Trust Me (HDTV)		Irina Palm ** (2007, Comedy-Drama)		
	50	STAR	621 56	Look-A-Like	Look-A-Like	Girl Next Door	Living the Life					
	161	SUPER		The Closer (HDTV)		Burn Notice (HDTV)						

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Ed McMahon is set to give evidence in his legal case against a Los Angeles medical facility — from his hospital bed. McMahon is suing Cedars-Sinai Medical Center after they misdiagnosed a broken neck in 2007. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Television

Booth, Cattrall lend voices to Parker



STYLING PHOTO

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Kristin Booth has spoken to, reacted at and also stars alongside Sex and the City siren Kim Cattrall ... but she's never even met her.

"I hope I get to meet her," the sprightly Genie-winning actress from Kitchener, Ont., says with a booming laugh. "That's the most challenging thing about animation. You're not generally in the studio with the other actors. You're by yourself."

Booth stars as title character Parker Novak in Producing Parker, a new prime time animated series that premieres Monday on TV-tropolis. Her character is the producer of a daytime talk show, The Dee Show, where she must reconcile the neurotic habits of host Dee — voiced by Cattrall.

"Dee is crazy ... basically every stereotype of an obsessive compulsive but combined with a ladder climbing, alcoholic, anorexic, self-possessed, self-obsessed

woman," Booth says, laughing. "Parker has to wrangle her."

And despite having to act with an absent Cattrall, Booth says the actress' effective vocalisation of Dee informed her own.

"I got to listen to some of the stuff she recorded which helped me tremendously because I knew where she was going with Dee and how Parker would react to that and interact with the way she was playing Dee."

Still, she cites the process of acting in isolation as one of the most difficult parts of voicing an animated character.

"It's bizarre!" she says. "You're in there and you could be falling from a building and screaming and you have to..." Booth pants "...do breath. It's all your voice. You can't show any-

thing with your facial expressions."

her vocal timbre. "All the weird facial expressions or contorted

body movements you would probably do but you know would look ridiculous on camera you can do! And nobody but the director and engineers see you!"

Not being seen on screen might be a deal breaker for most emerging young actresses like Booth, still fresh off film festival successes like Young People F—ing and This Beautiful City. But Booth says she's always

strived to work on projects she would want to watch, punctuating her passion for Parker.

"Here was an opportunity to challenge myself like I had never been challenged before."



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But in constriction, Booth finds release. "When you only have your voice, nobody can see you," she says.

The freeing experience allowed her uninhibited use of usually visible acting characteristics to bolster

Kristin Booth voices Parker Novak and Kim Cattrall voices Dee in Producing Parker.

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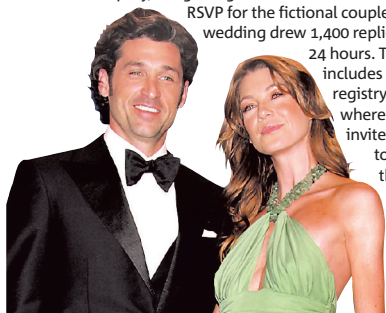
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Jon & Kate Plus...9?

Jon Gosselin says he isn't stepping out on his wife Kate — both from TLC's Jon & Kate Plus 8. "I have male and female friends ... However, being out with them late at night showed poor judgment on my part." **PEOPLE.COM**

Going Out**Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Mar-Der Wedding**

EVENT Grey's Anatomy's Meredith Grey and Derek Shepherd, played by Ellen Pompeo and Patrick Dempsey, are getting married. An online invitation to RSVP for the fictional couple's upcoming wedding drew 1,400 replies in the first 24 hours. The website includes a gift registry page, where visitors are invited to donate to charities that have a connection to the show's story lines.

**2 X-Men Origins: Wolverine**

FILM Arguably everyone's favourite mutant, Wolverine, reprised by Aussie Hugh Jackman, returns to the big screen for the first major blockbuster of the summer. This time, the adamantium-clawed superfreak is pitted against other evil freaks, a mad scientist and a brutal big brother. South African filmmaker Gavin Hood, known for his Oscar-winning Tsotsi, directs.

3 Japandroids

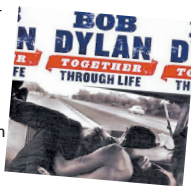
BAND This Vancouver garage-rock band is creating such a buzz that it may even drown out their characteristic distorted riffs. The group's debut full-length Post-Nothing has not only been feted by popular blogs on the Internet, it has also been hailed by indie tastemaker Pitchfork, which gave the record a coveted 8.3 out of 10 and a spot in its "best new music" section.

4 Chuck

SHOW This NBC spy-comedy may be hanging by a thin thread after wrapping up its second season this week but it has no shortage of love from fans. Dedicated viewers are using online platforms such as Twitter and food franchises like Subway to keep the show from getting axed. Even critics have joined in, literally begging the network to keep the Zachary Levy-starring show going.

5**Together Through Life: Bob Dylan**

ALBUM The American Bard is battling for his fifth No.1 spot with this dark, brooding look at a country on a downward spiral. He sings in the voices of all kinds of malcontents — drifters, jealous lovers, drunks — without losing his self-deprecating wit. Choice lyric: "I'm listening to Billy Joe Shaver and I'm reading James Joyce ... Some people they tell me I got the blood of the land in my voice."

**6****JCVD**

DVD The Muscles from Brussels shows real acting chops in this film. Part Hollywood satire, part action thriller, this movie follows Van Damme as he walks into a heist, which swiftly turns into a hostage situation.

7**Michelle Obama**

PERSONALITY Hundred days into her tenure, and the U.S. First Lady just keeps getting better and better. Not only did she make it to People magazine's 100 most beautiful issue, but she is also continuing her husband's grassroots-level activism in Washington. This week, she joined more than 100 congressional spouses to feed hungry children in the District of Columbia.

Going out?**Edmonton International Beer Festival**

Where: Shaw Conference Centre
When: Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Edmonton Shaw Conference Centre will be a place where dreams will come true for beer connoisseurs for two days. This festival will offer up 150 different kinds of suds from a number of different companies and breweries, both locally and internationally. Call Ticketmaster for advanced tickets.

Butterdome Spring Craft Sale

Where: Butterdome (University of Alberta)
When: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Check out some of the latest in handmade products, including jewelry, art, home decor, fashions, giftware, gourmet foods, green products and much more. Craft sale goers have the chance to meet makers face-to-face and learn what's inspired them to create their products. Tix: \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$4 for youths.

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Reality TV star Kim Kardashian has picked out an engagement ring, even though her boyfriend, footballer Reggie Bush, has yet to propose. She was out shopping with bride-to-be friends when she saw her perfect band. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Kim jumps the marital gun

Celebrity Buzz

Britney denies third pregnancy

RUMOUR Britney Spears has had to go on the defensive, denying claims that she's expecting a third child.

The rumour started when American Idol host Ryan Seacrest announced on his radio show that he heard from a "reliable source" that the singer is pregnant.

But Spears' spokesman says there's no truth to the story, according to the Daily Mail.



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Rihanna 'reborn' in Barbados: Dad

RECOVERY While Chris Brown showed up in court in L.A. this week, Rihanna has been keeping a low profile in her native Barbados.

And her father, Ronald Fenty, thinks the time in the sun might be doing her some good.

"Chris sounds like old news to me," Fenty told Us Weekly, adding that his daughter is "a different person, back to herself. It's like Chris never existed. She seems reborn."

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LiLo an energy drink addict?

ADDICTION Lindsay Lohan is addicted to energy drinks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Mean Girls star — who recently "split" from her girlfriend DJ Samantha Ronson — has been gulping down bottles of the mood-enhancing soft drink to help keep her spirits high.

She said: "I drink so much of it — I love it. There are several kinds, including Neurogasm, which is for sex. But I don't need that one right now, unfortunately!"

The 22-year-old beauty — who has been to rehab

three times for addictions to alcohol and drugs — is thought to be talking about either Neurosonic or Neurotrim beverages.

Energy drink Neurosonic contains caffeine and claims to enhance moods, while Neurotrim is said to stop hunger pangs, speed up metabolism and help burn fat.

Lindsay was recently spotted taking one of

the soft drinks into Los Angeles club Bardot.

A source told Life and Style magazine: "I saw her driver tuck a bottle of something into his pocket before she went in. Lindsay told him, 'You don't need to hide it. It's just my Neuro.'"

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Bale explains infamous tirade

RESPONSE Christian Bale feels betrayed by the film crew who leaked his angry rant online, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Dark Knight star is happy to accept the backlash following his four-minute, foul-mouthed tirade against a Terminator Salvation crewmember who distracted him during a scene.

Bale acknowledges his attack was "overboard" but insists it shouldn't have been made public.

He said: "I did it, it's in the public space. I take the consequences for it. I'm not hiding from that."

went overboard.

"I'm not making any excuses, but there is an essential trust and it's not a tacit one, which is every sound guy says, 'We are not recording, we are not even listening.' So, well, there goes that."

"I do stress though, it's not in anyway a trust that's there to cover up bad behaviour. It's not about that. I'm not whining, but it's an essential trust that's needed for creativity."

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Speidi brave swine flu

HONEYMOON Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt decided to go ahead with their plans to honeymoon in Mexico, despite the current swine flu outbreak.

The pair was even spotted wearing bathing suits and surgical facemasks, ac-

cording to Hollyscoop.

The masks were still on when they arrived back in Los Angeles.

Montag was quick to update her Twitter account as soon as they got home, writing, "Yah we landed! Praise Jesus! Thank you God! Thank you for my soul mate!"

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Alley talks weight loss

CONFESSION Kirstie Alley, who recently gained back the weight she had lost on the Jenny Craig program, was ready to try again.

"We look around. We see what we want," Alley says on Winfrey's talk show. "I'm saying, I think I'm ready to work."

She also admitted that quitting Jenny Craig and try-

ing to start her own weight loss program might have been a mistake: "We're in the middle of a recession, and I decide, yes, I'm going to create my own business."

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Top Gun star out of the closet

PEOPLE Kelly McGillis, who starred alongside Tom Cruise in Top Gun, has come out of the closet.

"It's a part of being true to yourself. That's been a challenge for me," McGillis told

shewired.com. McGillis, who has two children from a previous marriage, said realizing she was a lesbian "was an ongoing process from the time I was probably 12."

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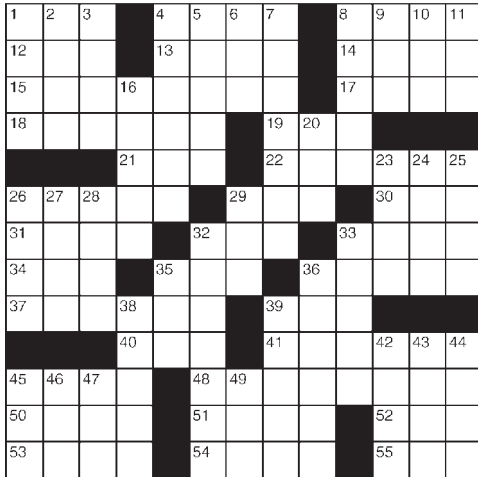


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41 Entertained
45 Piece of work
48 German poet/dramatist
50 Leak slowly
51 Subsequently
52 Swiss canton
53 Will beneficiary
54 Ethereal
55 19-Across' party

Crossword down

- 1 Decrease
2 Needing liniment
3 Roll call reply
4 Immobilizer
5 Dorian Gray's creator
6 Corroded
7 Seeming contradiction
8 Inhumane
9 Possesses
10 Capades site
11 Homer's neighbour
16 Of the upper hipbone
20 Huge
23 Places
24 History chapters
25 Musical based on "La Bohème"
26 Amazon.com buy
27 Needle case
28 Any of the Dionne quintuplets
29 Henhouse threat
32 Starbucks employee
33 South Korean capital
35 Symbol of intrigue
36 Basis for grits
38 "The Biggest —"
39 "Real Time" moderator
42 Punch
43 Architect
44 Plumbing problem
45 La-la preceder
46 "The Raven" writer
47 Submachine gun
49 Greek X

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

A N E W	U R A L	M E T	3	9	1	4	5	2	6	7	8
B E I E	K I L O	A C E	2	5	8	6	7	3	1	4	9
C A N D L E	M A S	S H E	6	4	7	8	9	1	2	3	5
S T A G E	S	E P S O M	1	2	5	9	3	6	4	8	7
I D	S P R E E		9	6	4	7	2	8	3	5	1
H O M E	A M A	G N A W	8	7	3	5	1	4	9	6	2
I R A	S A L	E N A	4	8	9	6	2	6	5	7	1
M E S H	I S M	S T Y X	7	3	6	1	8	9	5	2	4
T O R A H	M O		5	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	6
P R O V E	C I N E M A										
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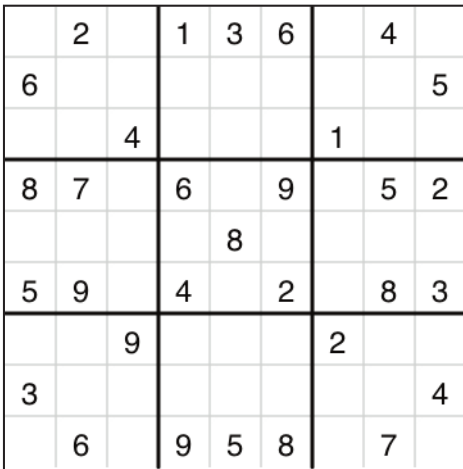
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min	Genius	17-21 min	Smart
13-17 min	Scholar	21-25 min	Not bad
		25+ min	Keep practising

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Metro Recipe of the Day



Fava Bean, Shrimp and Feta Salad

INGREDIENTS:
1 can (19 oz / 540 ml) fava beans
2-3 sprigs of fresh mint
1/2 lb (250 g) feta cheese
1/2 lb (250 g) peeled, cooked shrimp

FOR DRESSING:
1 large lemon
6 tbsp (90 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic
Salt and black pepper

METHOD:
1. Put kettle of water on to boil. Put beans into pot with sprig of mint. Cover with boiling water and simmer 6 minutes. Drain and rinse beans, then drain again.
2. Drain and dice cheese.

Put into salad bowl; add shrimp.
3. For dressing, squeeze 1/2 lemon, mix 2 tbsp (25 ml) juice with olive oil, then peel garlic and crush into the dressing. Rinse, dry and finely chop remaining mint and whisk into dressing. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Add drained beans to cheese and shrimp and stir in dressing. Serve with wedges cut from remaining 1/2 lemon.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
An exceptional person makes an alarming statement. A legal issue isn't troublesome due to reconciliation. Check out a proposed business venture.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Ask someone to obey the rules. Don't be peeved by needless noise. A decision has been postponed.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't let anyone down because you're offended. Difficulties arise when someone is huffy. A hidden agenda scares you.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You'll have to take sides when you don't want to. Don't pry into other people's private feelings. A loved one may seem to be flawed.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be well behaved in public. Being optimistic will give others more hope. News of momentous events cheers you up.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone refuses to be second-best. Important documents are found for a lost cause. A spend-thrift feels deprived.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Do what you're told, if you're unsure. Don't settle for weak promises. Be sensitive to other people's exceptional thoughts.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A sad person is found in a dusty place. Someone needs to forget about a personal loss. A demoted guy must be considered.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A favourite person's deed has a strange effect. Consider taking longer than expected to finish a task. You'll witness marital affection.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Chaotic events produce some anxiety. You need to have more confidence in the future. A lively person can repair a precarious financial position.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll inspire an amusing buddy. A big bargain will bring rewards. You'll get feedback on what you've done.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't protect others from situational fallout. A relationship termination will be confusing. Use self-control and turn the other cheek in a spat.

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